Import of Machinery by M/s. Voltas

1285. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question No. 24 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th August, 1991 regarding import of machinery by M/s Voltas and state:

(a) whether Project Import means a complete set of machinery required for a project;

(b) whether a company can import any machine under Project Import;

(c) if so, why have separate import duty rates for various types of machines; and

(d) what is the progress of the investigation by the Enforcement Wing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Revival of Indian Education Services

1286. SHRI J. S. RAJU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering the popular demand for the revival of Indian Education Service as recommended by Chattopadhyaya Commission;

(b) if so, by when the same is likely to be constituted; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The National Policy on Education (1986), *inter-alia* envisaged establishment of the Indian Education Service as an All India Service. A Sub-Group of the Committee on Management of Education setup by the Central Advisory Board of Education was constituted to formulate detailed proposals in this behalf. However, it would require further discussions and consultations with all concerned to finalise the proposals.

Low Export of Marine Products

1287. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India was harvesting only 20 per cent of its potential of marine products in spite of the country's enormous potential facilities as reported in *The Hindustan Times* of the 28th August, 1991;

(b) what was the total earning this year by way of export of marine products and likely amount of export expected during 1992-95;

(c) whether it is also a fact that due to absence of uniform policy and lack of interaction coordination amongst four Central Ministries the country is exporting extremely low in this regard; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to adopt more flexible norms and to provide required infrastructure to this Industry, if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID): (a) No Sir. The total marine landing during 1989 was 2.2 million tonnes which constitute 56.4 per cent of the estimated potential of marine resources within Indian EEZ.

(b) The total earning from the marine products during 1990-91 was Rs. 893.40 crores. A tentative export target for the current year is Rs. 1500 crores. During first five months of